

**Proceedings of the Annual Conventions of the
Brethren Churches and Sunday-Schools
of Pennsylvania at Conemaugh,
Oct. 2, 3 and 4, 1900**

The Thirteenth Annual Convention of the Brethren churches convened at 2 P. M., Moderator Crofford presiding.

Devotional services conducted by brother M. A. Witter having as his lesson the 122nd Psalm.

Chair appointed brethren Alvin Byers and L. A. Hazlett and sister Belle Sterling as committee on credentials.

Moderator Crofford then delivered his annual address.

Brother Spanogle made a motion seconded by Brother Wampler that a committee of three be appointed to devise new methods for the extension of the church as suggested in Moderator's report. Motion carried. Chair appointed brethren Spanogle, Wampler and Knepper.

Brother Spanogle made a motion that two lay members be added to the above mentioned committee. Motion carried and the chair appointed brethren Jacob Furry and M. J. Beachy.

The credential committee reported the following delegates:

MINISTERS

Altoona, W. A. Harman.
Altoona and McKees, W. L. Spanogle.
Berlin and Downy, P. M. Swinehart.
Berlin, M. C. Meyers and W. A. Seibert.
Conemaugh, Gilbert Neilson and J. F. Kocntz.
Fairview, J. L. Bowman.
Johnstown, E. E. Haskins, R. Z. Replogle, Daniel Crofford, Benjamin Goughnour, William A. Crofford, Wesley A. Adams and H. W. Hollebaugh.
Jones Mills and Listie, Marcus A. Witter.
Meyersdale and Summit Mills, John H. Knepper.
Masontown, Mary M. Sterling.
New Enterprise, Fredericksburg, Fairview and Liberty, J. R. Keller.
Oakland, D. J. Hetric and Arthur Hetric.
Philadelphia, Jacob C. Cassel, Isaac D. Bowman, Elwood E. Roberts, Louis S. Bauman and A. T. Atwood.
Pittsburg, R. E. Darling, W. G. Gans and H. Wise.
Pittsburg, Glade Run and Highland, D. J. Bole.
Rosedale and Mount Everet, Alvin Byers.
Mission Board, J. B. Wampler.
Sergeantsville, E. H. Smith.
Salisbury, L. A. Hazlett.
Topsail, F. B. McCullough.
The Pike, William Byers.
Centerhill, S. H. Buzard.

LAY

Altoona, T. Z. Replogle.
Berlin, Mrs. W. A. Seibert.
Conemaugh, Pat O'Neill.
Clover Creek, Gertrude Klysser.
Fairview, S. G. Smith and Henry Funk.
Johnstown, Mrs. W. H. Lake, William Z. Replogle and Albert Trent.
Jones Mills, N. J. Miller and William M. Miller.
Listie, John L. Saylor.
McKees, Elijah Berkey.
Mount Union, D. Stutzman.
Masontown, Belle Sterling.
Moxham, Austin Hays.
Meyersdale, Mrs. U. M. Beachley.
New Enterprise, S. L. Buck and Lee Furry.
Pittsburg, D. K. Bole and James C. Kennedy.
Rosedale, William Benshoff and Sadie Stutzman.
Berlin, William H. Menges.
A motion made by R. Z. Replogle passed, that the report be received.
A motion by Brother Spanogle permitting Brother Buzzard the right to vote passed convention.
Chair appointed brethren M. J. Beachy, W. L. Spanogle and J. R. Kellar as tellers. The election resulted in the following selection of officers: Moderator, E. E. Haskins; Vice Moderator, R. E. Darling; Secretary, J. E. Parsons; Treasurer, J. C. Kennedy.
A motion prevailed that J. Allen Miller be given

time after devotional services at evening session to present matters pertaining to Ashland College.

The chair appointed the following committees:
Queries: M. C. Meyers, D. J. Bole, Gilbert Neilson.
Tabulated Statement: T. Z. Replogle, M. A. Witter, Henry Wise.
Resolutions: J. C. Cassel, R. Z. Replogle, J. L. Bowman, Lee Furry, E. H. Smith.

Motion prevailed that this session close at 4:45 P. M.

Brother Neilson made a motion that a committee of three be appointed by the chair whose duty it shall be to serve during the conference year and pass on Ministerial Credentials. Motion carried and the chair appointed J. B. Wampler, Henry Wise and J. F. Koontz.

J. H. Knepper and Henry Wise very ably presented the subject "What benefit to the local congregations are our State conventions," followed in general discussion by brethren O'Neil, Wampler, Cassel, Kennedy and Buzzard.

The following queries were discussed: (1) What qualifications should a minister have to make a success of church work? by Brother D. J. Bole. (2) Why do we make use of the "Sunday" instead of Sabbath or Lord's Day? by brother J. Allen Miller, who in substance replied as follows: First, The Sabbath of the 3rd commandment is not the Lord's Day of the New Testament. The Lord's Day is the first day of the week. Second, The "First Day" of the week is to be observed because (a) In honor of Christ's resurrection. (b) Christ's meetings with apostles after his resurrection were on this day. (c) The stated meetings of apostles and disciples according to Acts were on this day. (d) No hint in Epistles to Gentile churches to observe "Sabbath," on the contrary the "First Day" is mentioned as day of disciples' meeting. (e) We are not under "Law" but "Grace."

Adjournment.

SECOND SESSION

Meeting called to order by Assistant Moderator Darling at 7 P. M. Prayer and praise service conducted by J. R. Kellar, taking his lesson from the 34th Psalm. A motion was entertained to close this session not later than 9:30 P. M.

At this juncture J. Allen Miller, President of Ashland College, presented the matter of the importance of the general brotherhood supporting that institution. Brother Miller's effort met with very substantial support, a total of \$2000, pledges to the endowment being received at this session.

"How bridge the chasm between the church and its auxiliaries." This subject was ably presented by L. A. Hazlett. By motion it was requested that Brother Hazlett's paper appear in the EVANGELIST.

"The propriety of a beneficiary society in the church." This subject was well presented by J. C. Cassel and R. Z. Replogle, followed in general discussion by brethren Wampler, J. Allen Miller, Kennedy, O'Neil, Knepper and Haskins.

Announcement and adjournment.

THIRD SESSION

Meeting called to order by Moderator Haskins at 9 A. M. Devotional services conducted by Alvin Byers.

Motion prevailed that we elect a member to the Board of Appeals. J. B. Wampler was re-elected a member for a term of three years.

It was the sense of the convention that we elect no delegate to National Conference.

Moved by Brother Spanogle that the Board of Supplies be abandoned and their rights and prerogatives be transferred to the Mission Board. Motion carried.

A motion prevailed that we elect the trustee to Ashland College by ballot. Brethren Spanogle, Kellar and Bole acted as tellers. Henry Wise was elected to serve for a term of three years.

A motion made by Brother Witter carried to the effect that the convention reconsider their action as to delegate to National Conference. After considerable discussion it was upon motion decided to elect a delegate from this convention. Daniel Crofford was elected.

R. Z. Replogle, secretary of Mission Board, made his report as well as that of the treasurer, Brother Trent. By action of convention it was decided to have same spread on minutes and published in EVANGELIST.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Receipts

Listie Church,	\$10 35
Johnstown,	87 50
Jones Mills,	8 00
McKee,	13 35
Downy,	9 30
Altoona,	10 80
Fredericksburg,	5 75
Pittsburg,	25 75
Rosedale,	4 80
E. Conemaugh,	5 50
Philadelphia,	25 00
Sallie Griffith,	5 00
Tillie C. Antrim,	10 00
Miss Lou Deffenbaugh,	1 33
Mollie R. Ganz,	67
Mt. Everett,	7 16
Bridgeport,	4 23
Vinco and Pike,	8 01
1st Brethren N. J.,	9 25
Summit Mills,	13 68
Meyersdale,	35 00
S. H. Buzzard,	75
Mrs. Buzzard,	75

\$301 68

Rec'd since settlement with treasurer

E. Conemaugh,	20 00
Jones Mills,	10 00
Am't from treas. of convention,	27 56
Balance at close of year,	39 99
Total at close of year,	\$97 55

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand June 7, 1899,	\$156 89
Received during year from secretary,	301 68
Total,	\$458 57

Disbursements

L. S. Bauman, evangelistic services,	3 72
Note held by Citizens' National Bank,	170 00
Henry Wise, services as evangelist,	83 50
New Jersey church, by Phil. church,	25 00
J. B. Wampler, services as evangelist,	131 36
Expenses of Daniel Crofford to McVeytown,	5 00
Total,	\$418 58
Balance on hand Oct. 4, 1900,	\$39 99

State evangelist Wampler made his report which was accepted by convention. Report is as follows: Days in service, 121; sermons preached, 110; received into the church by profession and baptism, 11; by relation, 2; reclaimed 1.

J. C. Kennedy, treasurer, made a partial report which was accepted by convention and owing to his having to leave for his home, Daniel Bole was, by request, asked to continue the work and make final statement.

"Shall we abandon the State Mission work" was very ably discussed by brethren Wampler and Spanogle.

Adjournment.

FOURTH SESSION

Meeting called to order at 2 P. M. by Moderator Haskins. Devotional services conducted by M. C. Meyers.

The secretary read a telegram of greeting from the Indiana State convention. Upon motion of Brother Knepper, seconded by D. K. Bole, the greeting was received, and the parties to the motion were appointed as a committee to make appropriate reply.

By courtesy of the convention Brother Spanogle was excused from further sessions.

Brother Spanogle as secretary of the committee looking forward to church extension as suggested in the Moderator's annual report, submitted the following report:

Whereas, It has become painfully evident that